

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 USC 112, 1<sup>ST</sup> paragraph. This claim is deleted.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 1,901,230 (Duey). Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 2 which has been cancelled. As cancelled claim 2 was not included in this rejection, the rejection has been obviated.

Claims 22, 23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 5,500,970 (Maurer). These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 1-5, 15, 16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Duey in view of USPN 6,308,367 (Beals). The Examiner has combined these references without even attempting to show where there is a teaching or suggestion in one or both of the references that would motivate one skilled in the art to combine the references to arrive at Applicants' invention. The Examiner appears to have used Applicants claim as a guide to pick and choose among the prior art in an effort to find Applicants claims obvious. The Examiner has improperly combined these two references resulting in an improper rejection.

Claims 6-9 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Duey in view of USPN 3,129,449 (Cyzer). Again the Examiner has combined these references without even attempting to show where there is a teaching or suggestion in one or both of the references that would motivate one skilled in the art to combine the references to arrive at Applicants' invention. The Examiner appears to have used Applicants claim as a guide to pick and choose among the prior art in an effort to find Applicants claims obvious. The Examiner has improperly combined these two references resulting in an improper rejection.

Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Duey in view of USPN 2,935,755 (Leira). Again the Examiner has combined these references without even attempting to show where there is a teaching or suggestion in one or both of the references that would motivate one skilled in the art to combine the references to arrive at Applicants' invention. The Examiner appears to have used Applicants claim as a

guide to pick and choose among the prior art in an effort to find Applicants claims obvious. The Examiner has improperly combined these two references resulting in an improper rejection.

Claims 1-5, 15, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Duey in view of USPN D434,565 (Bojar). Again the Examiner has combined these references without even attempting to show where there is a teaching or suggestion in one or both of the references that would motivate one skilled in the art to combine the references to arrive at Applicants' invention. The Examiner appears to have used Applicants claim as a guide to pick and choose among the prior art in an effort to find Applicants claims obvious. The Examiner has improperly combined these two references resulting in an improper rejection.

Claims 29-30 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over (a) Maurer or (b) Bojar in view of USPN 6,363,565 (Paffrath). Claims 29-30 have been cancelled

Applicant believes the present claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

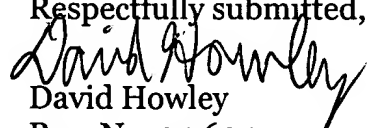
The commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action mailed May 06, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$950 for a three (3) month extension of time.

p The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above extension of time fee of \$950, the Petition fee of \$1,330 under 37 CFR 1.17(m), and the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1350.

- a. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
- b. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

p The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 07-1350. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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